

Accordingly, applicants elects option III as set forth in the Notice of Omitted Item(s) in a Nonprovisional Application by accepting the filing date of December 8, 2000.

Entry of this preliminary amendment and favorable action in this application are respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, applicant's petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (520.32696CX4) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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